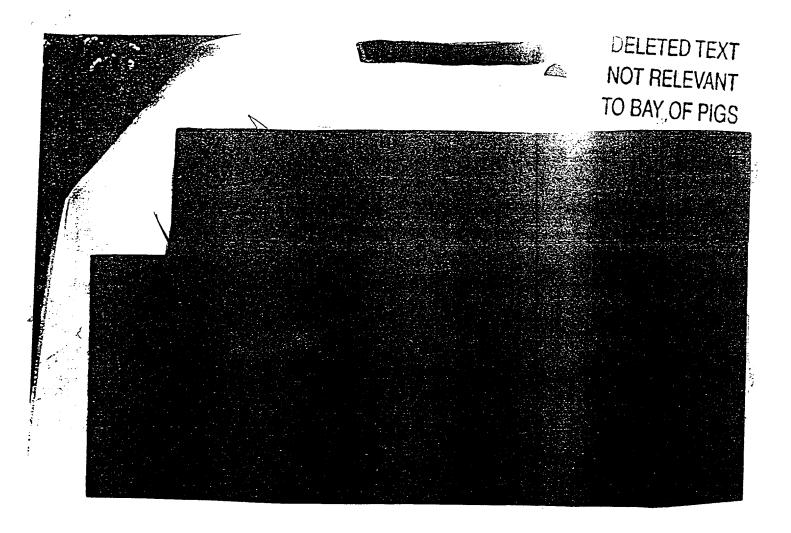
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## LATIN AMERICA

Latin American Communists Hold Preparatory "Peace" Meeting in Havana: Communist and pro-Communist representatives of seven Latin American national affiliates of the Communist World Peace Council met in Havana in early March and reportedly made plans to convene a hemispheric "peace conference" in the same city in May or June. The countries represented were Cuba, Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Argentina, Brazil, and Chile; a Soviet visitor also attended.

This activity apparently is to implement one aspect of plans developed by representatives of 19 of the 20 Latin American Communist parties at special sessions in Moscow at the time of the 21st Soviet party congress in early 1959. Regional Communist leaders agreed to strengthen the "peace movement," launch propaganda attacks on US military missions and bases in Latin America—as they have done with considerable effectiveness in several countries—and call a continental peace conference by mid-1960. Such a conference could serve as a vehicle to promote some of the objectives of a people's congress," aimed at developing anti-US sentiment and

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exploiting the Cuban revolution and opposition of liberal elements in the area to authoritarian regimes.

Details of the recent Havana meeting were promptly reported by the Peiping regime's New China News Agency, which has a branch office in the city and now has a network of correspondents in Latin America.

